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SUBJECT: GENERAL DAVISON VISIT TO BUNDESTAG DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

1. GENERAL MICHAEL DAVISON, CINCUSAREUR, MADE A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO A RECEPTION ORGANIZED BY THE BUNDESTAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE MAY 16 IN BONN. BESIDES THE REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, A NUMBER OF RANKING GERMAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT, INCLUDING LTG SCHNELL, DEF. MIN. STATE SECRETARIES FINGERHUT AND MANN, AND BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT MRS. RENGGER. GENERAL DAVISON' S SPEECH, STRESSING THEMES OF US- FRG INTERDEPENDENCE AND NATO COMMON DEFENSE, WAS WELL RECEIVED AND WENT FAR, WE BELIEVE, TO SET THE STAGE FOR MORE PERIODIC CONTACTS BETWEEN GENERAL DAVISON AND BUNDESTAG MEMBERS WHO DEAL WITH DEFENSE MATTERS.

2. THE VISIT, INITIATED BY THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE, WAS COVERED BY FRG NEWS MEDIA AND SHOULD HELP CORRECT THE IMPRESSION OF GROWTH OF ANTI- AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN
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GERMANY. WE THINK THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE' S INVITATION
TO GENERAL DAVISON, AND THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT,
IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE INCREASING AWARENESS
AMONG FEDERAL- LEVEL GERMAN OFFICIALS OF THE NEED TO
MAINTAIN A GOOD CLIMATE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US
FORCES AND BROAD SEGMENTS OF THE GERMAN POPULATION.
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